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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF MAY 1957

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. The production of geographic intelligence reports remained at a fairly high level during the month. Generally normal loads were experienced in the cartographic, photographic, and map library components of the Area.

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2. The Cartography Division completed 43 maps and charts, 38 for CIA and 5 for the Department of State. Requests for the month numbered 73 -- 68 for CIA, 4 for the Department of State, and 1 for the Air Force. The NIS map coordinator received 17 color proofing jobs and 13 final NIS maps from reproduction, leaving 24 color proofing jobs and 94 for final printing remaining in reproduction. The Special Support Branch completed 23 maps and charts and accepted requests for 30; in addition, 4 revisions and 5 reruns were requested and completed.

3. The Map Library Division received 3,186 maps and 1,068 related publications from foreign sources. Of the total, 40% were retained in CIA, 27% sent to Army Map Service, 21% to the Library of Congress, 6% to the Department of Interior, and 3% each to ACIC and NSA. A total of 25,196 map sheets were disseminated in answer to 1,189 map requests. Outgoing communications totaled 273, of which 223 related to foreign procurement and 50 to domestic correspondence.

4. The Photo Intelligence Division completed four Photographic Intelligence Memoranda (PIM-1, Stream Control and Utilization in South-eastern Fukien Province, China; PIM(L)-1, Genetrix Photography; PIM(L)-3, Southeast China Situation; and PIM(L)-4, Plethora III).

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6. The Area participated in the preparation of the ORR contribution to the DD/I's semi-annual report to the Killian Committee.

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7. [] was briefed on the Geographic Research Area. Considerable interest was expressed [] in the terrain shading techniques recently initiated by Cartography Division.

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8. The Acting Chief/G was elected a member-at-large of the Advisory Committee on Cartography. This committee, supported by the National Academy of Sciences, advises the Department of State on its participation in the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History.

9. At the request of AFOIN-2A3, [] D/GG, attended a conference on the release of data relating to the intercontinental geodetic tie between the U.S. and Europe. Further examination of the problem will be required before a U.S. position can be determined.

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10. Personnel of the Geography and Cartography Divisions attended a meeting with representatives of ACSI and AMS to discuss the handling of certain mapping materials received from Iran. AMS volunteered to make color reproductions of all material and to furnish the Agency with six copies of each sheet.

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12. Two meetings were held during the month between D/GG personnel and members of the PP/C Staff and Air Force to discuss details connected with the re-tailored U/W program.

13. The first meeting of the CIA-chaired ad hoc committee that is to consider including graphics in the Sections 19 of Chapter I of the NIS was held on 2 May. Representatives from Army, Navy and OBI attended.

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14. [] of the Photo Intelligence Division met with representatives of the Naval Photographic Intelligence Center to discuss the Naval Civilian Photographic Intelligence Course and the more effective utilization of [] aerial photography.

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16. Special Support Branch, Cartography Division, devoted 40 manhours during the month to a project at the White House map room.

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17. [] of the Geography Division attended the Congress of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage in San Francisco. It was apparent that these meetings provide an exceptional opportunity to review regional aspects of the Middle East and Africa with professional personnel of the areas concerned. With few exceptions, persons attending the meetings were willing to discuss area problems rather freely; the contact with personnel of foreign governments at this meeting would be difficult to duplicate even under circumstances of foreign travel.

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19. Several members of the Photo Intelligence Division are currently attending the Navy Photographic Intelligence Course at the Naval Photo Intelligence Center.

20. [] of the Photo Intelligence Division visited the [] to view and discuss new developments in photogrammetric equipment.

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21. [] of the Map Library Division attended the Annual Convention of the Special Libraries Association held in Boston from 27 to 30 May.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L**MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION CONTROL SECTION****ORR/Ch/G****For the Month of May 1957**

Countable intelligence materials received, processed and sent to components of the Geographic Areas.						RETENTION	FILE-ROUTED
Countable intelligence materials, processed and sent on to other components of the Agency.						10,410	790
Reproduction requisitions initiated and completed jobs received.						INITIATED	RECEIVED
Purchase orders initiated and items received.						203	179
LOANS: Inter-Agency						7	9
LOANS: Other Government Agencies						61	83
Maps: Received thru D/GG (New, Reruns, Revisions)						TITLES	SHEETS
MAPS: Sent, Primary and Initial Distribution						48	19,121
FOREIGN PROCUREMENT						43	395
Materials received from foreign sources						PACKAGED	LETTERS
Materials sent (Foreign and Domestic)						158	85
						OTHERS	
						224	
						Items	Items
						Foreign	CIA
						223	101
						RETURNED	DISTRI.
						LOANS	AUTOMATIC
						166	1918
						PACKAGES	SENT
						1	560
							1082
REQUESTS	SENT DOMESTIC	R-E-G-I-S-T-R-Y	SENT FOREIGN	REC'D US GOV'T	REC'D COMMER.		
MAPS	1233	26007	95	43381	256		
PU	169	626	0	9205	0		

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Month of May 1957

A. Summary of Cartographic Production and Accomplishments

1. During May the Cartography Division accepted requests for 73 maps and charts, 68 for CIA, 4 for the Department of State, and 1 for the Air Force. Of the total for the Agency, 21 were requested by OPR, 17 by OSI, 24 for CIA contribution to NIS, 1 for OCI, 1 for ONE, 2 for DD/S, and 2 for DD/P. The 4 maps requested from the Department of State were for NIS. During the same period, the Division completed 43 maps and charts, 38 for CIA, and 5 for the Department of State. During the month 42% the completions represented work on the USSR and Satellites, 37% on the Far East, and 19% on Europe-Africa and the Near East. At the close of the reporting period, 26 items remained in reproduction representing a somewhat normal situation.

2. The NIS Map Coordinator received 17 color proofing jobs and 13 final NIS maps from reproduction during May. Twenty-four color proofing jobs and 94 for final printing remained in reproduction at the close of the month. The unusually large number of finals in reproduction continues again this month.

3. The Special Support Branch accepted requests for 30 new maps and charts and completed 23 during the month. In addition 4 revisions and 5 reruns were requested and completed.

B. Administrative Problems and Other Activities

1. During the month, the UN activity and similar projects continued in the Division with the completion of the [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] UN's as well as the special project [redacted] for the 25X1
Director. Approximately 1,000 man-hours were devoted to the above 25X1
3 projects. Another 50-map series with overlays on the [redacted] 25X1
will go to reproduction in June as well as the [redacted] Three 25X1
other UN's series remain to be completed, as well as another project
of similar nature and high priority containing 31 maps with overlays
which has been requested via D/GS for DD/P operational use.

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[redacted] will be re-employed during June as a compiler in the
Division. [redacted], another compiler, is continuing her Division
training after having completed IO course during May.

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3. [] was given a briefing in D/GC and expressed considerable interest in the terrain shading. In addition, 3 analysts from ERA were also given a brief tour of the cartographic facilities during the month.

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5. Dr. Percy, Geographer of the Department of State, discussed with the Cn/D/GC some long-range plans for maps on individual country Consular Posts and Districts and the revision of the Foreign Service Consular map.

6. A 2-day orientation program for [], newly 25X1 appointed GS, was conducted by the Division during May.

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7. [] of the Special Support Branch has devoted 40 hours during May in support of the Map Room requirements for the White House.

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A. SUMMARY FOR MAY 1957

Agency	Entered	% of Total Ent'd.	No. Completed	% of Total Completed	Area	Number Completed	% of Total Completed
CIA:							
DDI/ORR	21	29%	15	35%	International & General	1	2%
OSI	17	23%	2	5%			
OGI	1	1%	2	5%	Europe & Near East	8	19%
NIS	24	33%	15	35%			
ONE	1	1%	3	7%	USSR & Satellites	18	42%
DD/S	2	3%	1	2%			
DD/P	2	3%	0	0%	Far East & W. Hemisphere	16	37%
Total CIA	68	93%	38	89%			
State	0	0%	1	2%			
State/NIS	4	6%	4	9%			
Air Force	1	1%	0	0%			

B. 6 MONTHS SUMMARY

Month	New Maps and Charts Entered	New Maps and Charts Completed	Number of Prints	Reruns Completed	No. of Prints
May	73	43	16,219	29	21,272
April	61	59	6,890	22	12,701
March	56	37	12,186	17	18,055
February	79	98	24,872	23	16,665
January	71	64	21,862	23	12,964
December	32	46	16,571	12	7,200
Total	372	347	98,600	126	88,857

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